(c) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Assistance provided by Financial Institutions to units in backward areas

4276. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total assistance sanctioned by All Financial Institutions to the units located in backward areas during the last three years; and

(b) what is the total disbursements by the Financial Institutions to those units during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the latest available information, the details of assistance sanctioned and disbursed by all financial institutions in backward areas during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Sanctions	Disbursements
1988-89	5166.7	3365.0
1989-90	5151.6	3445.4
1990-91	6960.2	4030.7

World Bank suggestion on cut in number of Government employees

4277. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has suggested a 10 per cent cut in the number of the Central Government Employees during the coming three years; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have accepted the suggestion and if not what other action Government contemplate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government of India have not received any suggestion from the World Bank to make a 10 per cent cut in the number of Central Government employees.

(b) Question does not arise.

Proposal to redefine RBI's role

4278. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint a private company of the Chartered Accountants to study ways to redefine RBI's role; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of D.A. as pay

4279. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the present dearness allowance of 71